(d) How far this package designed for betterment of the poor has ameliorated their quality of life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir, no such specific study has been taken up by the Department of Programme Implementation.

(c) The Department of Programme Implementation (DPI) monitors the progress of implementation of Twenty Point Programme—1986 through the Management Information System consisting of (a) Monthly Progress Report. (b) A Capsule Report and (c) Half Yearly Progress Report. Out of the total 119 items of TPP monitored by the Department, 65 are monitored quantitatively and 54 items qualitatively. Of the 65 quantitatively monitored items, 28 are amenoble to monthly monitoring. Data in respect of 28 items, 28 are amenable to monthly on a monthly basis and compiled for Monthly Progress Report. For Half-Yearly Report, nodal officers at the Central Department/Ministry level coordinate collection of information from States/UTs and send it to Department of Programme Implementation. The officers of DPI also occasionally visit the States/UTs and assess the programme at the field level and obtain a first hand feed back on the implementation of various programmes of TPP. Officers of the Department have been inducted into the Area Officers system of monitoring Rural Development Programmes constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development who are visiting States for an indepth study of implementation of rural development Programmes.

(d) There has been no study by DPI to determine how far TPP has ameliorated the quality of the life of the poor.

Eradication of Poverty, Illiteracy and Diseases

1882. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it would take 4 to 5 decades to eradicate poverty, illiteracy and diseases substantially at the current rate of growth of 5 per cent of GDP;

(b) whether it is possible to invest more in the economy to grow faster;

(c) whether our efforts for savings have attained its Zenith;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether large scale evasion of Taxes of the centre and states, which are equal to the total Government revenue, is responsible for the inadequate savings; and

(f) if so, whether Planning Commission has ever taken note of the evasion of taxes and corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The Eighth Plan has accorded priority to eliminate poverty by the turn of the century, eradicate illiteracy among the people in the age group of 15 to 35 years and provide health facilities to the entire population. The Government of India from time to time fix targets for eradication of various diseases.

(b) to (d) Investment depends on savings. The rate of savings increased from 10.4 per cent of GDP in 1950-51 to 23.2 per cent in 1978-79. It however, declined thereafter to 18.2 per cent in 1984-85 but increased to 24.6 per cent in 1989-90. The savings rate in 1991-92 is 23.1 per cent. It shows that the savings rate has increased with fluctuation, and there is every possibility of it rising further.

(e) and (f) Keeping in view the scope for improving revenue collection by reducing tax evasion, the need for stepping up of resource mobilisation efforts including reduction/elimination of tax evasion, unearthing of black money etc. have been stressed by the Planning Commission. The tax reforms initiated by the Government as part of the new economic policy also aim at reducing the tax evasion by reducing tax rates and improving tax administration. This measure is also expected to improve the propensity to save in the Indian economy.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministery of Coal

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Coal Notification S.O. No. 165(E), dated the 14th February, 1994, publishing the corrigendum to the Notification S.O. No. 635(E), dated the 25th August 1993.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6249/94.)

I. Notifications of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, New Delhi.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Labour.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, New Delhi, under sub-section (4) of section 97 of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948:—

(1) Notification No. N.12/13/2/92-P & D, dated the 21st May, 1994, publishing the Employees' State Insurance (General) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 1994.

(2) Notification No. N-12/13/1/93-P & D, dated the 21st May, 1994, publishing the Employees' State Insurance (General) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 1994.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6258/94).

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour (Directorate General of Employment and Training) Notification S.O. No. 1041, dated the 30th April, 1994, specifying production engineering and industrial management as a designated trade, for Graduate and Technician Apprentices, for the purpose of the Apprentices Act, 1961, under sub-section (3) of setcion 37 of the said Act.

(Placed in Libarary. See No. LT-6426/94).

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution

II. Reports and Accounts (1986-87) (1987-88) (1988-89) of the Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. (i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, under sub-section (6) of section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955:—

(1) S.O. No. 385(E) dated the 20th May, 1994, publishing the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Amendment Order, 1994.

(2) S.O. No. 396(E) dated the 27 May, 1994, publishing the Pulses Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils